War-Office, 27 July 1768.

My Lord

I Send you herewith a printed Copy of a Warrant, which the King has lately ſign'd: I deſire it may be communicated to the Captains of the Regiment under your Command, who I am ſure will receive this Mark of His Majeſty's Goodneſs to them, with all poſſible Gratitude. The King has wiſh'd and endeavour'd from the beginning of his Reign to make an Allowance to his Captains of Infantry in lieu of the Dividends which before the laſt War they uſed ſometimes to receive out of the Non-Effective Ballances of their Regiments: A Fund was needful for that Purpoſe, and various Methods have been try'd to form one. It would be tedious and unneceſſary to explain the many Difficulties which have happen'd in the Progreſs of that good Work; Difficulties, which naturally account for the long delay there has been in bringing it to perfection, and which nothing but Labour and Perſeverance could have overcome. There can be no farther Diſappointment, becauſe the Money is actually at the Pay-Office ready to be diſtributed to the Agents as faſt as they demand what is neceſſary for the payment of their reſpective Corps. If there ſhould ariſe any unexpected Delay, I hope I ſhall hear of it, in order that I may prevent its continuance.

I moſt ſincerely congratulate the Captains of Infantry, who ſerved as ſuch during the late War, on the honourable Gratification they are now

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now going to receive. I confeſs it is not adequate to their Services; I moſt ſincerely wiſh it had been more adequate: but when they are told that it amounts in the whole to between 50,000l. and 60,000l. they will be ſenſible how much they owe to a Sovereign, who is always attentive to the Merits and the Wants of thoſe who ſerve him well.

I have the Honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordſhip's

moſt obedient and

moſt humble Servant.

Barrington

Lord Barrington
Worcester Feb. 27th 1768
Inclosing the King's Warrant
of March 30th 1768

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